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Washington Correspondence.

BY WALLACE BASSFORD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The President has returned to the city from his fishing, boating and golfing trip to Florida. A great many Washingtonians regret that he did not find time to commute the sentence of the half-witted boy, McHenry, under the death sentence here. The heart-broken mother had walked to Washington from a distance to ask this of the President, but he had just left for Florida. From all accounts Mr. Harding had a delightful time, freed from the cares of State—his arduous daily grind. He was the guest, on a palatial houseboat, of a young Washingtonian who was famous a few years ago for his wild driving—a veritable road burner. His late father's will created a "spendthrift trust," but the heir has found blow-holes in it. One of his friends recently lost \$80,000 worth of choice liquors by thieves, but the supplies on the houseboat are said to be intact except where shrinkage was due to "natural causes." Perhaps a hatch was left open. Dangerous waters for an orthodox Baptist, down Havana-way.

The latest gossip about the President records him as being the possessor of fifty pairs of trousers, including golf knickers. Enough to equip a centipede. Is it any wonder the National Association of Tailors was so loud in his praise? A few more such customers and they could cut a melon. Unfortunately, conditions in the country generally are so bad that many a fellow would be in a sad predicament if the pressing-iron should happen to be too hot.

Every time the Republicans carry an election in Maine they loudly announce that Maine is the finest political barometer in the land—that "as Maine goes, so goes the country." Of course Maine is as reliably Republican as Georgia is Democratic. Every one expects Maine to go Republican, and when the Democrats carry elections up there it has a deep significance. Four cities in the State have elected mayors this month and all four of them were Democrats. The smallest majority (150) was in Saco, but the Democrats got six of the seven wards. In Bath the majority was four to one. Republican leaders don't talk about it, but if four cities in Georgia were to go Republican the country would be informed that it indicated a huge Republican landslide. And it would.

There will be no bonus legislation. While enjoying the scenery from the houseboat in Florida the President found means to bring Speaker Gillett to his view; as a result the Speaker will not aid his Republican brethren to put the bill through the House. The Senate leaders announce that they will take no action on it until after the fall elections. They plan to let the needy veterans wait until the leaders can see what effect the bonus situation will have on the voters; the President would be glad to see a number of recalcitrant Republican Congressmen defeated. He is sure he could better control a small Republican majority than the present unwieldy and miscellaneous collection, made up in some measure of grotesque political accidents and misfits from districts usually represented by seasoned Democratic Congressmen of long service and proved ability.

Though the President shows more backbone in standing against the soldiers' bonus than he was supposed to possess, he yields readily to the demands of the ship-owners who also desire a bonus. But they are rich and powerful and can reach his ear. The Wall Street Journal daily reflects the desires of the big corporations and the few dozens of men who are all-powerful in big business. It says: "There is no way of passing a soldiers' bonus, and if there were a way the bonus should not be paid. In any form it constitutes the rawest bribe ever offered to the voters, while it prostitutes patriotic service to the level of the meanest panhandler. But President Harding's program for building up a merchant marine will appeal as sound to all but the demagogue. The money thus used to subsidize shipping would be in the nature of a national defense." The President accurately reflects the mind of Wall Street. It is still true, as when Israel roamed the valley of the Jordan, that "the ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib."

"Full Valuation" or Extortion?

(Missouri State Journal.)

The Attorney-General of Missouri, after serving a year as a member of the State Board of Equalization, is convinced that the Board should be

abolished, and he argued thusly before the convention of county assessors. It would be quite proper for many of us to observe in this connection, although it would be somewhat ungenerous, that a great many people think the present Board ought to be abolished, or at least suppressed. Mr. Barrett says that full valuations have come to stay, and that what he calls "fractional assessment" has gone forever. Then, with the heroics of youth and inexperience, he "dares" any political party to make a campaign on any other kind of platform. The people, says Mr. Barrett, "will never consent to a return of the old system of haphazard and varying fractional assessments."

Mr. Barrett speaks well, but his words do not square with the facts. In the first place, the action of the present State Board of Equalization in arbitrarily increasing assessed valuations all over the state, without adequately considering the circumstances and the effect, was the crudest piece of official action ever taken in Missouri. It was certain to result in higher taxes, for all levies have to be assessed against the new valuations. It was certain to bring about the most extreme injustice to the people. The money it would raise was not needed by the state—a surplus of between four and five million had been left by the former administration. If the counties had needed the money, and the people of the counties wanted more money in the county treasuries, there were many ways in which they could have proceeded locally. The net result of this Board's action was to force high taxes on most of the counties, without consideration of local sentiment. What business was it of the State Board of Equalization that the county of A—, for example, should be compelled to collect twice as much as had hitherto been required by the county in the payment of its county bills? None at all. If there were inequities in the local assessments, there are vastly more and in far greater proportion in the assessments made by the State Board. The trouble with the State Board's performance was not that it imposed "full assessments." In thousands of cases it brought about the assessment of property at far more than its actual value. It wasn't "full valuation." It was excessive valuation.

When a farmer is called upon to pay taxes on a Ford automobile at twice its selling price, that isn't full valuation. It is extortion.

When a land owner is called upon to pay taxes upon a farm assessed at \$30 per acre, when he can only sell it for \$15, after the instance cited from Vernon county, that isn't full valuation. It is confiscation.

When a corn grower is called upon to pay taxes on corn assessed at over six times its market value, that isn't full valuation. It is downright robbery.

These are the things Mr. Barrett and his fellow-advocates of this fanciful theory of full valuation will have to face. If he means the kind of full valuation Hyde and this Board gave the state in 1921, then Mr. Barrett's "dare" will promptly be accepted, and if he and his party stand for that kind of valuation in taxing methods, there will not be enough left of them in November to make it worth while to reorganize them. The "full valuation" plan is a deception and a snare. The people have found it out, and Mr. Barrett's party, as the responsible body, will pay the bill at the polls.

Woodrow Wilson Congratulates.

Alpha Scoggin, an 8 year old pupil of Woodrow Wilson School is the proud possessor of a letter from ex-president Wilson, of which she is justly proud. The following letters are self explanatory and we gladly publish them.

De Soto, Mo., February 8, 1922.

Ex President Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson—I think that it would be very interesting to you to know about our school. In the year of 1919 we named our school, "The Woodrow Wilson School." We have 200 pupils in our school. We have four grades. The names of our teachers are, Miss Julia Kienn, Miss Helen White, Miss Ruth Chandler and Miss Ann Dickey.

We have a victrola, sanitary drinking fountains, a piano, a telephone and electric lights.

We have organized a Parent-Teachers Association. We have 70 mothers enrolled. Every mother takes the greatest interest in it. They have helped us to have electric lights and a telephone.

The pupils of our grade, grade 4,

composed a song called, "The Woodrow Wilson School." The words and music I will enclose.

We have a large picture of you in our hall. Every time we look at it, we think of our motto which is "To Grow to be like Wilson." Will you please send your autograph to place under the picture?

Your loving friends of W. W. School.
Written by Alpha Scoggin, 8 years old, 4th grade.

MR. WILSON'S REPLY.

My Dear Little Friend—I was very much interested in the account your letter gives me of the Woodrow Wilson School. I feel very much complimented that the children have chosen my name.

I willingly send the autograph, you suggest.

Please give my affectionate greetings to the other children of the 4th grade, and tell them that I hope that all their best hopes will be realized for the school and for themselves.

With special greetings to yourself.

Your Friend,

WOODROW WILSON.

Miss Alpha Scoggin, De Soto, Missouri.

To Miss Julia Kienn from Mr. Wilson's Secretary:

Dear Madam—Mr. Wilson asks me to acknowledge your letter of February 15 with enclosures, and say it has given him pleasure to write the little girl and send the autograph desired in this mail. He wishes me to add that he thinks the letter is remarkable for a child of eight years and shows good training.

Cordially Yours,
JOHN RANDOLPH, Sec'y.

President Rhodes Makes Statement as to Annapolis Lead Co.

March 22, 1922.

It is indeed a pleasure to report to stockholders the following progress made since the de-watering of the shaft at Annapolis in preparation for the construction of a concentrating plant.

The de-watering of the shaft was completed February 26th, following this we drifted about thirty-two feet, twelve feet of raises were put up, which shows up a good run of ore and will give us a good seven per cent mill run. Four hundred tons have been cut out of the skip pocket. The skip pocket will be completed about March 26th; timbering of the shaft will then be started, which should be completed during the last week in April. At that time we will start development work for the opening up of sufficient headings for maximum capacity.

We are sure it will be welcome news to all to know that on March 21st we entered into contract with the General Engineering Company of Salt Lake City, Utah, for the construction of our mill at Annapolis.

The total cost of our one thousand ton mill will approximately be \$400,000.00; this being some \$150,000.00 less than the figure we had some twelve or eighteen months ago. This would indicate that we have waited for the proper time to construct our mill; as we will get prompt shipment by the various companies from whom we purchase materials, prompt deliveries by the railroad companies and sufficient labor in constructing the plant. We are pushing the work forward for the earliest possible date of completion. Up to the present writing of this letter we have purchased an additional Heine Safety boiler, a super-heater, stoker, and contracted for the power house concrete chimney.

Our Engineer, together with the Engineer of the General Engineering Company, figure the mill will be completed and in operation about September 1st.

As additional valuable information we are glad to say that we not only own 680 acres of the ore land at Annapolis, but we have secured a very favorable option on 7495 acres additional, which will give us practical control of the Annapolis district.

Your officers and directors feel very much elated over the richness of the ore body and development and look forward, together with our stockholders, to a future day when we all shall feel proud and happy of the wonderful investment tied up in the holding of the Annapolis Lead Company. You can be assured that we are now taking every step necessary for the earliest completion of the plant and that the work will be pushed forward with all possible speed.

Thanking all stockholders for their past patience and hearty co-operation, and feeling assured that we can now see a definite day for the completion of the mill, we are

Respectfully yours,

THE ANNAPOIS LEAD COMPANY.
W. C. RHODES, President.

Goodland Items.

Raining again, river over crossings, farm work retarded, no gardening yet. A great deal of fencing being done.

Matt Williams is moving his saw mill to Goodland to some land in charge of Brewster Bros.

Arthur Brooks has his grist mill in good running order and makes good meal.

Miss Ora Smith is home after an extended visit to relatives at Desloge.

Mayfield, our merchant, is doing a good business at Goodland.

G. G. and N. W. Adams are making new fences and picking rock off meadows, which are greening up beautifully.

Grandma Brooks is spending some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Trautman, near Edgehill.

Some miscreant entered the smokehouse of Botan Brooks and took two fine hams.

Charles Brooks and son are busy with their sawmill.

The Wann brothers are busy loading cars at Rulin. They came from Indiana a short time ago and settled on some land owned by their mother. We predict that they will be useful citizens among us.

Jim Brooks is our boss blacksmith. Mrs. Larue has been afflicted with boils on her arms.

Jimmy Akers cut his leg badly with the ax, lately.

Dr. Adams, though eighty-two years old, has made a number of new gates on the farm. He also purchased and, with a little help, put in a lot of window panes in the church.

Mrs. F. M. Adams lately received a consignment of one hundred baby chicks. They arrived safely and are doing well in a brooder.

Mr. Breitenstein of Belleview was some days at Goodland in the interest of timber and was quite sick with a severe cold while here.

F. M. Adams has a light attack of flu.

Hauling continues to be the business of the day.

Mrs. Velah Igleheart and daughter, Sammie, of St. Louis are visiting her parents at Redmondville.

Mrs. Matt. Williams and children are moving back to their home at Redmondville.

Married—At the home of the bride's parents at Goodland Wednesday, March 22, Mr. L. M. Brooks and Miss Ina M. Adams, both of Goodland.

TIMOTHY HAY.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending, Monday, March 20, 1922:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest.	
Tuesday.....	14	69	49	.18
Wednesday.....	15	66	38	
Thursday.....	16	61	30	
Friday.....	17	71	33	
Saturday.....	18	66	45	.30
Sunday.....	19	59	54	.45
Monday.....	20	40	32	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

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IRONTON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, at the New Commercial Hotel, from 8 A. M. to 1 P. M. Any word may be left for him there.

Bismarck, Wednesday, April 5, Write for appointment.

Write for information or appointment.

NOTE—Dr. Fuldner's visits to Ironton are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

—ADV

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FOR THREE WEEKS

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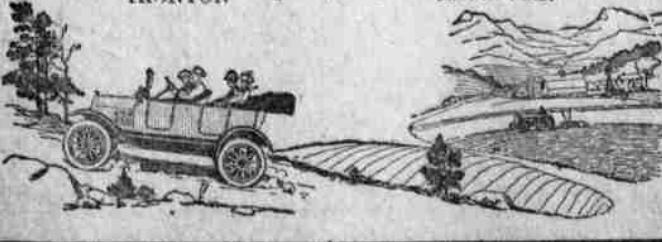
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